

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HILLARY LAWSON, KRISTINA HALLMAN,
STEPHANIE CALDWELL, MOIRA HATHAWAY,
MACEY SPEIGHT, ROSEMARIE PETERSON and
LAUREN FULLER,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

HOWARD RUBIN, JENNIFER POWERS, and the
DOE COMPANY,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:17-CV-06404 (BMC)

**ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM OF
DEFENDANT HOWARD RUBIN**

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ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Howard Rubin, by and through its attorneys, Dechert LLP, hereby answers as follows, based upon knowledge and information, with each answer corresponding to the numbered allegation in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, (Doc. No. 161).

1. Denied.
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5. This paragraph contains a legal conclusion and therefore no response is required.
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16. Admitted, that Howard Rubin is an experienced money manager with a highly regarded reputation in the financial field, and that he also goes by Howie Rubin. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to Ms. Shon's references to Rubin. Otherwise, denied.

17. Admitted, that Jennifer Powers is an individual who works with Rubin and resides in New York, New York. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to Ms. Powers' references to herself. Otherwise, denied.

18. Denied.

19. Admitted.

20. Admitted.

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25. Admitted, that Rubin held this position, but denied that Rubin currently holds this position.

26. Does not call for a response, as all claims against Blue Icarus, LLC have been dismissed.

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35. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

36. Denied.

37. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

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44. Admitted that Rubin became acquainted with Ms. Powers ten to twelve years ago. Otherwise, does not call for a response to the extent the allegations concerning Ms. Powers are inflammatory and irrelevant to Plaintiffs' human trafficking and state law claims, and were included in the Second Amended Complaint solely to garner media attention.

45. Denied.

46. Does not call for a response to the extent the allegations concerning Ms. Powers' family are inflammatory and irrelevant to Plaintiffs' human trafficking and state law claims, and were included in the Second Amended Complaint solely to garner media attention.

47. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

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52. Denied.

53. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

54. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

55. Admitted, that Ms. Schnur represents Rubin. Otherwise, does not call for a response, as Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

56. Admitted, that Ms. Schnur drafted the General Release executed by Plaintiff Caldwell. Otherwise, denied.

57. Admitted, that Ms. Schnur advised Mr. Rubin and Mrs. Powers regarding Plaintiff Hallman’s criminal action. Otherwise, denied.

58. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

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75. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as it is unclear to whom the Second Amended Complaint refers. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

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80. Denied.

81. Denied.

82. Denied.

83. Denied.

84. Admitted, that Hathaway agreed to meet with Rubin. Otherwise, denied.

85. Denied.

86. Denied.

87. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway engaged in consensual sex on multiple occasions. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

88. Admitted, that Rubin left after having consensual sex on multiple occasions.

Otherwise, denied.

89. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway continued to meet on multiple occasions.

Otherwise, denied.

90. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway continued to meet on multiple occasions.

Otherwise, denied.

91. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway continued to meet for consensual sex on multiple occasions. Otherwise, denied.

92. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway continued to meet on multiple occasions at various times. Otherwise, denied.

93. Denied, as to Rubin's conduct and requests and as to having a credit card on file. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

94. Does not call for a response to the extent the allegations concerning “sneak[ing]” into Hathaway’s room and purportedly commenting on “feel[ing] like . . . raping” her are inflammatory and irrelevant to Plaintiffs’ human trafficking and state law claims, and were included in the Second Amended Complaint solely to garner media attention. Otherwise, denied.

95. Admitted, that Rubin paid Hathaway various sums. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

96. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

97. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

98. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

99. Denied, except to the extent that Hathaway knowingly and voluntarily executed a “Confidentiality Agreement and Release” on or about January 21, 2015.

100. Denied.

101. Denied.

102. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway continued to meet on multiple occasions at various times. Otherwise, denied.

103. Denied.

104. Denied.

105. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway used devices and equipment in their sexual encounters, that Hathaway at all times consented to the encounters, and that Rubin never did anything threatening. Otherwise, denied.

106. Denied, as to Rubin's behavior. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning Hathaway's beliefs.

107. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning what Hathaway noticed or her beliefs.

108. Denied.

109. Denied.

110. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

111. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

112. Denied.

113. Denied.

114. Denied.

115. Denied.

116. Admitted, that Rubin remained in contact with Hathaway and acted as though nothing out of the ordinary had occurred, because Hathaway's allegations about the nature of the encounter are false, and all interactions between the two were consensual. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

117. Denied, as to Rubin's behavior. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

118. Denied.

119. Denied.

120. Denied.

121. Denied.

122. Denied.

123. Denied.

124. Denied.

125. Denied.

126. Denied.

127. Denied.

128. Denied.

129. Denied.

130. Denied.

131. Denied.

132. Denied.

133. Denied.

134. Denied.

135. Admitted, that Rubin stayed in contact with Hathaway, and she agreed to meet Rubin again. Otherwise, denied.

136. Denied.

137. Denied, as to any conduct engaged in without Hathaway's consent. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

138. Denied.

139. Denied.

140. Denied.

141. Denied.

142. Admitted, that Rubin has not seen Hathaway since June 2017. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Hathaway's consent or that would cause her to be "wary" of him.

143. Admitted, that Rubin and Hathaway exchanged text messages as though nothing was out of the ordinary, because Hathaway's allegations about the nature of the encounter are false, and all interactions between the two were consensual.

144. Denied.

145. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

146. Denied.

147. Denied.

148. Denied.

149. Denied.

150. Denied, that any such person was a "representative of Rubin." Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

151. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

152. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

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154. Denied.

155. Denied.

156. Denied.

157. Denied.

158. Denied.

159. Denied.

160. Denied.

161. Denied.

162. Admitted, that Rubin did not see Peterson again for three to five years after 2011.

163. Denied, to the extent there was never any event at BLT Prime on Rubin's birthday. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to whether Peterson saw Rubin.

164. Admitted.

165. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of what Hathaway saw, decided, or believed.

166. Denied.

167. Admitted, that Rubin made Peterson fully aware of the nature of their proposed interaction, and that she agreed to meet with Rubin and have consensual rough sex being fully aware of such. Otherwise, denied.

168. Denied.

169. Denied.

170. Denied.

171. Denied.

172. Denied.

173. Denied.

174. Denied.

175. Denied.

176. Denied.

177. Denied.

178. Denied.

179. Denied.

180. Denied.

181. Denied.

182. Denied.

183. Denied.

184. Denied.

185. Denied.

186. Denied.

187. Denied.

188. Denied.

189. Denied.

190. Denied.

191. Denied.

192. Denied.

193. Denied.

194. Denied.

195. Denied.

196. Admitted, that Rubin last saw Peterson in the summer of 2017, during which time

they did not engage in any sexual activity.

197. Denied.

198. Denied.

199. Denied.

200. Denied.

201. Denied.

202. Denied.

203. Denied.

204. Denied.

205. Denied.

206. Denied.

207. Denied.

208. Denied.

209. Denied.

210. Denied.

211. Admitted, that Peterson knowingly and voluntarily executed a “Confidentiality Agreement and Release” on or about September 25, 2014. Otherwise, denied.

212. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

213. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

214. Denied.

215. Denied.

216. Denied.

217. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

218. Denied, that Taren Cassidy “was a recruiter for Rubin’s sex trafficking scheme,” and that any such “scheme” exists. Otherwise, Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

219. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

220. Denied, that Cassidy “was acting on behalf of Rubin,” and that Rubin used “threats of force, force, and coercion to cause Fuller to engage in commercial sex acts.” Otherwise, Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to what Cassidy knew or should have known.

221. Denied.

222. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

223. Denied.

224. Admitted, that Fuller knowingly and voluntarily executed “Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s]” on or about March 7, 2016. Otherwise, denied.

225. Denied.

226. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to Fuller's state of mind. Otherwise, denied.

227. Admitted, that Fuller knowingly and voluntarily executed "Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s]" on or about March 7, 2016. Otherwise, denied.

228. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

229. Denied.

230. Denied.

231. Denied.

232. Denied.

233. Denied.

234. Denied.

235. Denied.

236. Denied.

237. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

238. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

239. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to what Cassidy told Fuller.

240. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

241. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

242. Denied, as Rubin did nothing without Fuller's consent or that would cause any such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning Fuller's treatment.

243. Denied, as Rubin did nothing without Fuller's consent, that would cause any such purported injuries, or that would cause Fuller to fear Rubin. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning Fuller's mental state.

244. Admitted.

245. Denied.

246. Denied.

247. Denied.

248. Denied.

249. Denied.

250. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

251. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

252. Admitted, that Speight and Rubin had a lengthy, consensual rough sex relationship. Denied, as to the characterization of Rubin's behavior as "violent." Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

253. Denied.

254. Denied.

255. Denied.

256. Denied.

257. Denied.

258. Denied.

259. Denied.

260. Denied.

261. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

262. Admitted, that Speight voluntarily met with Rubin. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

263. Denied.

264. Admitted, that Speight voluntarily went to the apartment with Rubin. Otherwise, denied.

265. Denied.

266. Denied.

267. Denied.

268. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

269. Admitted, that Speight voluntarily continued to meet with Rubin up until May 2017, and that Rubin cancelled an additional trip for Speight in August 2017, for which Speight was paid.

270. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO

claims have all been dismissed. Admitted that Speight voluntarily met with Rubin on or around September 2016, November 24, 2016, January 31, 2017, and May 26, 2017.

271. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Admitted, that Speight was paid for these occasions. Otherwise, Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the details of Speight’s payments.

272. Denied.

273. Denied.

274. Denied.

275. Denied.

276. Denied.

277. Denied.

278. Denied.

279. Denied.

280. Denied.

281. Denied.

282. Denied.

283. Denied.

284. Denied.

285. Denied.

286. Denied.

287. Denied.

288. Denied, as Rubin did nothing without Speight's consent or that would cause any such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning Speight's memories of her abusive past.

289. Denied.

290. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

291. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

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296. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

297. Denied.

298. Denied.

299. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

300. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

301. Admitted, that Hallman agreed to come to New York to meet Rubin, fully knowing the details of the nature of the meeting, and asked to invite her friend to come with her. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

302. Admitted, that Rubin agreed to Hallman's request to invite her friend, with both fully knowing the details of the nature of the meeting, to come with her to New York to meet with Rubin.

303. Admitted, that Lawson was the friend Hallman invited to New York to meet Rubin, while both women were fully aware of the details of the nature of the meeting. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

304. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

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306. Denied.

307. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

308. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

309. Admitted, that Lawson was the friend Hallman “persuaded” to come to New York to meet Rubin, while both women were fully aware of the details of the nature of the meeting. Otherwise, denied.

310. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

311. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

312. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

313. Denied, to the extent Lawson was fully aware that the trip would entail consensual rough sex with Rubin for money. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

314. Denied, to the extent Lawson was fully aware that the trip would entail consensual rough sex with Rubin for money. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

315. Admitted, that Hallman and Lawson knowingly and voluntarily met with Rubin in New York to engage in consensual rough sex on or around August 23, 2016. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

316. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

317. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

318. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

319. Admitted, that Hallman and Lawson knowingly and voluntarily executed “Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s]” on or about August 22, 2016. Otherwise, denied.

320. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

321. Denied, except to the extent Hallman and Lawson knowingly and voluntarily executed “Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s].” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

322. Denied, except to the extent Hallman and Lawson knowingly and voluntarily executed “Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s].” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

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324. Denied, except to the extent Hallman and Lawson knowingly and voluntarily executed “Confidentiality Agreement and Release[s].” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

325. Admitted, that Hallman and Lawson voluntarily and knowingly met Rubin. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

326. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

327. Admitted, that Rubin at all times acted respectfully and cordially, and never did anything at this time or any other to cause Hallman or Lawson to feel threatened or concerned. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

328. Denied.

329. Denied.

330. Admitted, that Rubin paid Hallman and Lawson \$5,000. Otherwise, denied.

331. Denied, that anything would have caused “concern[.]” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

332. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

333. Denied, to the extent the allegations imply Rubin added anything to Lawson’s drink. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

334. Admitted, that Lawson and Rubin engaged in consensual rough sex. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

335. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into

allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

336. Denied.

337. Denied.

338. Denied.

339. Denied.

340. Denied.

341. Denied.

342. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

343. Denied.

344. Denied.

345. Denied.

346. Denied.

347. Denied.

348. Denied.

349. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Hallman’s and Lawson’s consent or that would cause them to be “shocked.” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

350. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

351. Denied; Rubin did nothing without Hallman’s and Lawson’s consent or that would cause them to be “emotionally distraught.”

352. Denied.

353. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

354. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

355. Does not call for a response to the extent the allegations concerning Mr. Rubin's wife and children are inflammatory and irrelevant to Plaintiffs' human trafficking and state law claims, and were included in the Second Amended Complaint solely to garner media attention. Otherwise, denied.

356. Denied.

357. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

358. Denied.

359. Denied.

360. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Admitted, that after Hallman's interactions with Rubin, she nevertheless introduced her friend Caldwell to meet with Rubin to engage in consensual rough sex. Denied, as to any purported "fear" of Hallman's. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

361. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

362. Denied, as to any allegation of fraudulent representations. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

363. Admitted, that Caldwell was fully aware of the nature of the proposed meeting with Rubin before she met with him. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

364. Admitted, that Caldwell voluntarily met with Rubin in New York in early September 2016 to engage with Rubin in consensual rough sex. Additionally admitted, that Caldwell knowingly and voluntarily executed a “Confidentiality Agreement and Release” on or about August 24, 2016. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

365. Denied, to the extent Caldwell knowingly and voluntarily executed the “Confidentiality Agreement and Release.”

366. Denied, to the extent Caldwell knowingly and voluntarily executed the “Confidentiality Agreement and Release.” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

367. Admitted, that Caldwell met Rubin for dinner.

368. Denied.

369. Denied.

370. Admitted, that Caldwell voluntarily returned to the apartment with Rubin.

Otherwise, denied.

371. Denied.

372. Admitted, that Caldwell spoke about her daughter. Otherwise, denied.

373. Admitted, that Rubin stated he was turned off. Otherwise, denied.

374. Admitted, that Rubin paid Caldwell \$2,000. Otherwise, denied.

375. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

376. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations

377. Denied.

378. Denied.

379. Admitted, that Hallman and Caldwell voluntarily and knowingly met with Rubin again on or about September 24, 2017. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

380. Admitted, that Hallman and Caldwell met Rubin at Tao, and that Hallman and Caldwell did not execute another “Confidentiality Agreement and Release” after they had knowingly and voluntarily executed the initial documents. Otherwise, denied.

381. Admitted.

382. Admitted.

383. Admitted, that Hallman and Caldwell voluntarily returned to the apartment on their own and through nothing attributable to Rubin.

384. Admitted, that Rubin sent messages to Hallman and Caldwell. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to when Hallman and Caldwell arrived at the apartment in relation to any messages.

385. Denied.

386. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

387. Denied.

388. Denied.

389. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to whether Caldwell was tied up. Admitted, however, that Rubin, Hallman and Caldwell engaged in consensual rough sex in the master bedroom. Denied, to the extent the allegations imply any interactions were non-consensual.

390. Denied.

391. Denied.

392. Denied.

393. Denied.

394. Denied.

395. Denied.

396. Denied.

397. Denied.

398. Denied.

399. Denied.

400. Denied.

401. Denied.

402. Admitted, that Rubin paid Hallman and Caldwell \$5,000. Otherwise, denied.

403. Denied, as to the characterization of “physical trauma.” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

404. Admitted, that Caldwell took pictures of her breasts. Denied, to the extent Rubin did not commit any assault or engage in any conduct that would have resulted in the injuries from which Caldwell and Hallman allege damages. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to whether Caldwell took any other photos or videos.

405. Denied.

406. Denied.

407. Denied.

408. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

409. Denied.

410. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

411. Denied.

412. Denied.

413. Admitted, that Caldwell contacted Rubin to ask for money to repair purported damage to her breasts. Otherwise, denied.

414. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

415. Admitted.

416. Denied, to the extent Rubin did not engage in any conduct that would have caused Caldwell to feel “terrified” or “vulnerable.” Admitted, that Caldwell voluntarily returned to meet with Rubin on or around October 4, 2016. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

417. Admitted, that Caldwell knowingly and voluntarily executed a “General Release Agreement” on or about October 4, 2016, drafted by Ms. Schnur, the terms of which speak for themselves. Otherwise, denied.

418. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Admitted, that Rubin made payments to Caldwell in full compliance with the terms of the “General Release Agreement.” Denied, that an additional payment was to be paid directly to Caldwell.

419. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

420. Denied.

421. Denied.

422. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

423. Denied.

424. Denied.

425. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO

claims have all been dismissed. Admitted, that Hallman again voluntarily agreed to meet Rubin in New York to engage in consensual rough sex, and that she recruited her friend, Nancy Santi, to join her. Otherwise, denied.

426. Denied, to the extent Hallman alleges her “anxious[ness]” caused her to be sick.

427. Denied.

428. Admitted, that Hallman appeared to remain sick.

429. Admitted, that Hallman went to the hospital. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

430. Admitted, that Hallman voluntarily returned to the apartment after she left the hospital. Otherwise, denied.

431. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

432. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

433. Denied, as to Rubin’s purported “violent history.” Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

434. Admitted.

435. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

436. Denied.

437. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

438. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

439. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

440. Denied, as to fear of Rubin. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

441. Admitted, that Hallman was arrested. Otherwise, denied.

442. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

443. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

444. Does not call for a response, as all claims against Blue Icarus, LLC have been dismissed.

445. Admitted, to the extent that Lawson reached out to Rubin for financial assistance at some point. Denied, as to any “convinc[ing]” of her to meet again, and to the extent that the allegations imply false assurances were made to Lawson. At all times, Lawson was fully aware of the nature of the proposed encounters with Rubin and knowingly and voluntarily met with Rubin. Rubin is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of Lawson’s “tough financial situation.”

446. Admitted, that Lawson returned to meet with Rubin to engage in consensual rough sex. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

447. Admitted, that Rubin may have met Lawson for lunch and did treat her with kindness. Otherwise, denied.

448. Admitted, that Lawson and Rubin engaged in consensual rough sex. Otherwise, denied.

449. Admitted, that Lawson and Rubin engaged in consensual rough sex. Otherwise, denied.

450. Denied.

451. Denied.

452. Denied.

453. Denied.

454. Denied.

455. Denied.

456. Admitted, that Rubin paid Lawson \$5,000. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

457. Denied.

458. Admitted, that Rubin has not seen Lawson since December 2016. Otherwise, denied.

459. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

460. Denied, as to any injuries to Lawson’s face, and to the extent Rubin otherwise did nothing without Lawson’s consent or that would cause such purported injuries.

461. Denied.

462. Denied.

463. Denied.

464. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Lawson's consent or that would cause such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations, the cause of any such purported injuries, or Lawson's medical treatment.

465. Denied.

466. Denied.

467. Denied.

468. Admitted, that after their encounters with Rubin, Hallman and Caldwell remained in contact with Rubin. Otherwise, denied.

469. Does not call for a response to the extent the allegations concerning Mr. Rubin's friend are inflammatory and irrelevant to Plaintiffs' human trafficking and state law claims, and were included in the Second Amended Complaint solely to garner media attention. Admitted, that on or around March 29, 2017, Hallman and Caldwell again agreed to meet with Rubin and his friends in Miami, Florida, and Rubin agreed to pay Hallman, Caldwell and one of their friends \$500.

470. Admitted, that Hallman and Caldwell again agreed to meet with Rubin. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing that would cause any such fear.

471. Denied.

472. Admitted.

473. Denied.

474. Admitted, that Rubin paid Hallman and Caldwell. Otherwise, denied.

475. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported "Venture," and Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Enterprise" allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a "Venture" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO

claims have all been dismissed. Admitted, that Caldwell never saw Rubin again but remained in contact, and that Rubin timely paid Caldwell the final and full payment pursuant to the “General Release Agreement.” Otherwise, denied.

476. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

477. Denied.

478. Denied.

479. Denied.

480. Denied.

481. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Hallman’s consent or that would cause such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations or the cause of any such purported injuries.

482. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Hallman’s consent or that would cause any such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations, the cause of any such purported injuries, or Hallman’s medical treatment.

483. Denied.

484. Denied.

485. Admitted, that Rubin paid for Hallman’s counsel despite having no involvement in the activity that led to Hallman’s arrest and no obligation to do so. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to Hallman’s mendacity, which if true, was never at the direction or request of Rubin.

486. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

487. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed. Otherwise, denied.

488. Denied.

489. Denied.

490. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Caldwell’s consent or that would cause such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations or the cause of any such purported injuries.

491. Denied, to the extent Rubin did nothing without Caldwell’s consent or that would cause any such purported injuries. Rubin is otherwise without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations, the cause of any such purported injuries, or Caldwell’s medical treatment.

492. Admitted, that Caldwell mentioned injuries to her breasts and that Rubin agreed to and paid Caldwell pursuant to the “General Release Agreement,” despite not having been the cause of Caldwell’s purported injuries and having no obligation to do so. Otherwise, denied.

493. Denied.

494. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into

allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

495. Does not call for a response, as there is no such purported “Venture,” and Plaintiffs’ attempt to revive their failed RICO “Enterprise” allegations by converting them into allegations supporting a “Venture” is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs’ civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

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523. Does not call for a response, as Plaintiffs’ hacking claims have all been dismissed.

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531. Does not call for a response, as Plaintiffs' attempt to revive their failed RICO "Predicate Act" allegations by restyling them as allegations of "Acts of Misconduct by Each Defendant" is improper in light of the fact that Plaintiffs' civil RICO claims have all been dismissed.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: ALL PLAINTIFFS
(Violation Of Human Trafficking Laws, 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a) -
All Plaintiffs Against Rubin; Plaintiffs Hallman, Lawson, Caldwell, Hathaway, Speight,
and Fuller Against Powers)

535. Does not call for a response.

536. Denied.

537. Denied.

538. Denied.

539. Denied.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: HATHAWAY
(Assault - Rubin)

540. Does not call for a response.

541. Denied.

542. Denied.

543. Denied.

544. Denied.

545. Denied.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: HATHAWAY
(Battery - Rubin)

546. Does not call for a response.

547. Denied.

548. Denied.

549. Denied.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: HATHAWAY
(False Imprisonment - Rubin)

550. Does not call for a response.

551. Denied.

552. Denied.

553. Denied.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION: HATHAWAY
(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress - Powers, Rubin)

554. Does not call for a response.

555. Denied.

556. Denied.

557. Denied.

558. Denied.

559. Denied.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION: PETERSON
(Assault – Rubin)

560. Does not call for a response.

561. Denied.

562. Denied.

563. Denied.

564. Denied.

565. Denied.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: PETERSON
(Battery – Rubin)

566. Does not call for a response.

567. Denied.

568. Denied.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION: PETERSON
(False Imprisonment – Rubin)

569. Does not call for a response.

570. Denied.

571. Denied.

572. Denied.

573. Denied.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION: PETERSON
(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress – Rubin)

574. Does not call for a response.

575. Denied.

576. Denied.

577. Denied.

578. Denied.

579. Denied.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: SPEIGHT
(Assault - Rubin)

580. Does not call for a response.

581. Denied.

582. Denied.

583. Denied.

584. Denied.

585. Denied.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: SPEIGHT
(Battery - Rubin)

586. Does not call for a response.

587. Denied.

588. Denied.

589. Denied.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION: SPEIGHT
(False Imprisonment - Rubin)

590. Does not call for a response.

591. Denied.

592. Denied.

593. Denied.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: SPEIGHT
(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress - Rubin)

594. Does not call for a response.

595. Denied.

596. Denied.

597. Denied.

598. Denied.

599. Denied.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: LAWSON
(Assault - Rubin)

600. Does not call for a response.

601. Denied.

602. Denied.

603. Denied.

604. Denied.

605. Denied.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: LAWSON
(Battery - Rubin)

606. Does not call for a response.

607. Denied.

608. Denied.

609. Denied.

SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: LAWSON
(False Imprisonment - Rubin)

610. Does not call for a response.

611. Denied.

612. Denied.

613. Denied.

SEVENTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION: LAWSON
(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress - Rubin)

614. Does not call for a response.

615. Denied.

616. Denied.

617. Denied.

618. Denied.

619. Denied.

ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs' remaining claims should be denied in their entirety, and award Rubin attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defending this meritless litigation.

RUBIN'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

By way of a further Answer and as affirmative defenses, Rubin denies that he is liable to Plaintiffs for any of the claims alleged, and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to damages or any other relief whatsoever, and states as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Failure to State a Claim)

1. The Second Amended Complaint, and each purported claim for relief alleged therein, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against Rubin as a matter of law and fact.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Consent)

2. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiffs expressly and/or impliedly consented to and/or had knowledge of all activities alleged in the Second Amended Complaint to have caused their harm.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Acquiescence)

3. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of acquiescence.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Statute of Limitations)

4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitations.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Laches)

5. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of laches.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Unclean Hands)

6. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by virtue of their own unclean hands.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Privilege)

7. Rubin asserts that his conduct was privileged and justified in that he, among other things, in taking certain actions alleged in the Second Amended Complaint, was asserting his legal right to engage in the conduct alleged, with a good faith belief in that right.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Assumption of the Risk)

8. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiffs expressly and/or impliedly assumed the risk of the actions described in the Second Amended Complaint.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Ratification)

9. Plaintiffs ratified and/or accepted the alleged acts or omissions alleged in the Second Amended Complaint.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Waiver)

10. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of waiver.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Settlement and Release)

11. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of settlement and release because, among other reasons, each Plaintiff executed a Confidentiality Agreement and Release whereby each released the claims they assert in this case, and Caldwell executed a General Release Agreement in which she released the claims she asserts in this case.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Failure to Mitigate)

12. If Plaintiffs have suffered any injury or harm, which Rubin expressly denies, their recovery or entitlement to relief is barred by their failure to mitigate, reduce, or otherwise avoid their alleged damages or injury.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(No Damages)

13. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because they have suffered no actual injury as a result of the actions alleged in the Second Amended Complaint.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Good Faith)

14. Rubin alleges that at all times he acted in good faith and within reasonable standards as to the matters alleged in the Second Amended Complaint.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(No Causation)

15. If Plaintiffs have suffered any injury or harm, which Rubin expressly denies, such harm was not caused by Rubin.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Speculative Damages)

16. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiffs' alleged damages are speculative.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Comparative Fault)

17. If Plaintiffs have suffered any injury or harm, which Rubin expressly denies, such harm is a result of comparative fault of Plaintiffs such that any disbursement from Rubin is barred and/or must be adjusted or eliminated.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Contribution)

18. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because any and all violations alleged in the Second Amended Complaint were proximately caused or contributed to by the acts, omissions, or conduct of persons or entities other than Rubin.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Set-Off)

19. Any monies or other consideration claimed to be owed to Plaintiffs by Rubin represents amounts to which Rubin is entitled to equitable, statutory, and/or contractual set-off.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Misrepresentation)

20. Plaintiffs are not entitled to the relief requested as a result of fraud and/or misrepresentation (whether intentional or negligent) perpetrated by Plaintiffs and/or their agents.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Frivolous Claims)

21. Plaintiffs' claims are asserted in bad faith and are frivolous, unreasonable, and without foundation. Rubin is therefore entitled to an award of costs and expenses of litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Failure to Join Necessary Parties)

22. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, due to Plaintiffs' failure to join necessary parties.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Improper Venue)

23. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiffs have brought this case in an improper venue.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Plaintiffs' Breach)

24. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by Plaintiffs' breaches of relevant contractual provisions.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Spoliation)

25. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by Plaintiffs' spoliation of evidence.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Intervening or Superseding Cause)

26. If Plaintiffs have suffered any injuries or harm, which Rubin expressly denies, such damage was a direct and proximate and/or legal result of the intervening, superseding actions on the part of other persons or entities, and such intervening, superseding actions bar recovery herein against Rubin.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(Right to Assert Additional Defenses)

27. Rubin presently has insufficient knowledge or information on which to form a belief as to whether he may have additional yet unstated affirmative defenses. Rubin reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery or further investigation indicates that asserted additional affirmative defenses would be warranted.

RUBIN'S COUNTERCLAIM

Rubin respectfully alleges as a counterclaim as follows:

NATURE OF COUNTERCLAIM

1. On October 4, 2016, Caldwell voluntarily and knowingly entered into an enforceable contract with Rubin by signing a General Release Agreement.

2. Caldwell has breached this contract by filing this lawsuit and thereby pursuing released and waived claims and by failing to abide by the confidentiality and non-disparagement clauses of the General Release Agreement.

COUNTERCLAIM STATEMENT OF FACTS

3. On October 4, 2016, Caldwell entered into an enforceable contract with Rubin by signing a General Release Agreement.

4. Section 5 of the General Release Agreement is titled "Final Release of All Claims" and reads as follows:

In exchange for, and as a condition to, receipt of the payments described in *Section 10* below, you agree to and do release and forever discharge Mr. Rubin, from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, charges, damages, and complaints, whether known or unknown, that you have or may have to date arising out of or related to your engagement in physical relations with Mr. Rubin on September 24 & 25 of 2016 and any subsequent date up until and including the date on which you sign this General Release Agreement.

You, [Caldwell], hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release, and forever discharge Mr. Rubin, as well as any of Mr. Rubin's agents, and assigns, individually and in their representative capacities, from any and all claims and causes of action which you had, has, or may have against Mr. Rubin, whether or not known to you, based upon, arising from, or relating to any and all acts, events, and omissions occurring on or prior to the date upon which you sign this General Release Agreement.

The claims being waived and released include, but are not limited to: a. any and all claims arising from or relating to [Caldwell's] recruitment, hire; b. any and all claims for monetary damages, wages, severance pay, vacation pay, sick pay, bonuses, commissions, and other compensation and benefits; c. any and all claims of physical injury; d. any and all claims of emotional distress and negligence.

5. Section 6 of the General Release Agreement is titled "Confidentiality" and reads

as follows:

You agree to keep this General Release Agreement, including but not limited to the existence of and amount of payments and benefits, confidential to the fullest extent allowed by law. You agree to keep any information that you possess in regards to Mr. Rubin, Mr. Rubin's private life, preferences, and other information which you are aware of or privy to, in the strictest of confidences. You agree not to discuss or divulge directly or indirectly any information about Mr. Rubin, verbally, in written communication, via text messages, social media, emails or otherwise.

6. Section 7 of the General Release Agreement is titled "Non-Disparagement" and

reads as follows: "You agree not to make any disparaging or negative comments to any third party regarding Mr. Rubin or any of Mr. Rubin's associates."

7. After signing the General Release Agreement, Caldwell brought this lawsuit, in which she makes claims for, among other things, personal injury and emotional distress arising

out of her encounter with Rubin on September 24 and 25, 2016, thereby breaching her obligations under the General Release Agreement.

8. After signing the General Release Agreement, on information and belief, Caldwell disclosed information regarding, among other things, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Rubin's private life, and Mr. Rubin's preferences to various individuals, including but not limited to Robert Alois, thereby breaching her obligations under the General Release Agreement.

9. Rubin has been damaged by these breaches. Among other things, Rubin was damaged when Robert Alois employed the information which, on information and belief, was disclosed to him by Caldwell in an effort to extort Rubin, an effort which ultimately led to Mr. Alois's indictment on charges of Attempted Theft by Extortion.

10. Caldwell's breaches of her contractual obligations have caused Mr. Rubin to suffer humiliation and emotional distress and have resulted in substantial pecuniary loss.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM
(Breach of Contract – Caldwell)

11. Caldwell entered into an enforceable contract with Rubin by signing the General Release Agreement.

12. The General Release Agreement included clear terms by which Caldwell released and waived any claims arising from her sexual encounters with Rubin prior to October 4, 2016, agreed to maintain confidentiality regarding the General Release Agreement and Rubin's private life and preferences, and agreed not to disparage Rubin.

13. Caldwell breached these provisions and failed to perform under the terms of the General Release Agreement by asserting her claims in this lawsuit and, on information and belief, by disclosing confidential information and disparaging Rubin to individuals, including but not limited to Robert Alois.

14. Caldwell's breaches were material in that they directly countervailed the key items of consideration which Caldwell agreed to provide in exchange to Rubin pursuant to the General Release Agreement.

15. Rubin suffered damages as a result of Caldwell's breaches in that those breaches resulted in an extortion plot against Rubin and caused Rubin to suffer humiliation, emotional distress, damages to his reputation, and pecuniary loss.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Rubin demands compensatory, direct and consequential damages from Caldwell for breach of contract, plus pre- and post-judgment interest in an amount to be determined at trial; dismissal of Caldwell's claims as barred by the terms of the General Release Agreement; a permanent injunction requiring Caldwell to comply with the General Release Agreement; the reasonable attorney's fees and costs for defending and prosecuting this action, and such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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